

MILPERSMAN 1920-130

OFFICER SEPARATIONS, GENERAL

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Reference	(a) SECNAVINST 1920.6C
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1. Background

a. Once members have legally accepted a commission or warrant and have executed the oath of office, they have acquired a legal status. Termination of this status may be effected only through a specific legal process. The forms of termination presently authorized for officers include dismissal, revocation of commission, acceptance of resignation, dropping from rolls, termination of commission, and separation for cause.

b. Neither retirement nor release from active duty affects the status of Navy commissioned or warrant officers if their commission or warrant has not been terminated in one of the forms listed above. Upon retirement or release from active duty, an officer continues to be fully subject to naval jurisdiction and orders, except only to the extent that jurisdiction is specifically limited by statute.

c. Separations of officers from naval service must be approved by the Secretary of the Navy.

2. Special Fitness Report. Recommendation for termination of commission and separation, which is initiated under reference (a) as a result of unsatisfactory performance or misconduct, need not be accompanied by a special fitness report.

3. **Change of Address**. Commanding officers must advise each member upon release to inactive duty in the Navy Reserve to submit a change of address via the Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System (NSIPS). Members who will be affiliated with a Navy Reserve unit after release from active duty must be advised to report their change of address directly to the unit for update in NSIPS.

4. **Submission**. Follow personally identifiable information guidelines published on Navy Personnel Command Web site under Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM), Officer Performance and Separations Branch (Pers-834) organization code at <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/career/personnelconductandseparations/Pages/OfficerPerformanceSeparations.aspx>.